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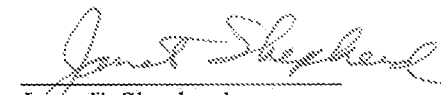
Sir:

This statement is prepared and submitted in support of the accompanying Petition for Revival of Application. This is the statement of Janet E. Shepherd, whose title is Senior Patent Paralegal-US Docketing, Aventis Pharmaceuticals Inc. (a member of the Sanofi-aventis Group).

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